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Ms. Pamela Grubaugh-Littig Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210 Box 145801 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

ACT/015 625 #2

Re: Federal Lease U-024316, Application for Mining the Tank Seam, Co-Op Mining Company, Bear Canyon Mine (ACT/015/025-97-1) Emery County, Utah

Dear Pam:

We reviewed Co-Op Mining Company's application for mining the Tank seam and the deficiencies previously identified by the Manti-La Sal National Forest have been adequately addressed. The mine permit application package complies with the terms, conditions, and stipulations contained in the federal lease. This letter will serve as our consent/concurrence to the Mining and Reclamation Plan for mining in the Tank seam.

Our concurrence is conditioned on there being no escarpment failures. understood that under the current plan, only first mining (mains) will occur under escarpments in the federal lease area.

At the time of lease relinquishment, Co-Op will need to demonstrate that no disturbance to surface resources has occurred, therefore, we request that copies of the annual subsidence and hydrologic reports be sent to us. In addition, a final report on subsidence and surface resources will be required prior to Forest Service consent to lease relinquishment.

If you need further information, please contact Carter Reed or Liane Mattson at (435) 637-2817.

Sincerely,

JANETTE S. KAISER

Forest Supervisor

Richard Manus, BLM, Price River/San Rafael Resource Area Ron Singh, OSM Denver Charles Reynolds, Co-Op Mining Company D-2/3